

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



April — May 2022

Welcome letter from the Vicar

Being part of the Good News story

One of my favourite TV programmes is BBC TV's "The Repair Shop". People bring battered treasures which connect them to family members or which have a story to tell, and skilled craftspeople work to bring the item back to life, at no charge to them. The restoration team pool their skills together and delight in each other's abilities to get the job done. Unlike the many "knockout" format arts and crafting shows on offer, there is no element of competition, or working to give a valuation to try to get the best price at auction.



Yes, of course this is carefully edited TV, where many items will have been rejected for the show because they are beyond repair or don't have the compelling back-story to attract audiences. The craftspeople are paid by the TV company for their labours and will build their reputation in the commercial world as a result.

However, the idea of bringing something back to full, sparkling life which looks like there is no hope left for it is a powerful reminder of how much each of us is loved and treasured by God. None of us is beyond repair. All of us have back-stories which Christ knows and honours. He is risen from the dead and promises new life for all. That is the message of Easter, the season which goes beyond Easter Sunday right until the beginning of June when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In these anxious times, when it seems as if our world is so broken, the good news is that this is not the end. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." He has conquered death and gives us hope for the future. That is good news for all.

We too, can be part of that Good News story. Sharing what we have, building up our community, offering hospitality and helping to care for our world are simple ways in which we can show that we are all people of the resurrection. Nothing and no-one are beyond the reach of Christ's love.

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Vicky



Notes on the PCC meetings held on 8th February and 15th March

In February the PCC learnt about some of the celebrations which were being planned to mark the Queen's platinum Jubilee. The first exciting project that we heard about was the Pilgrim Porch at Chester Cathedral. A circular from the Diocese explained that:

A sculptural bronze porch with ceremonial glass doors for the west end of Chester Cathedral will be unveiled in 2022 as part of the Queen's platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The artwork within the glass will encapsulate a selected photograph of a significant and meaningful element from your church.

Our vision is to include all our worshipping communities in the diocese.

Information about this has now been circulated to the congregation of All Saints'. A detail of the cross and St Michael's head from the west window has since been submitted for the ceremonial doors and a photograph of the whole west window has been sent for the online presentation which will accompany the Pilgrim Porch. We look forward with excitement to seeing the completed doors and the transformation of the entrance to Chester Cathedral.

On a more local level the Village Trust is planning Jubilee celebrations in Thornton Hough. These are still evolving but there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II at 10.30am on Sunday 5th June in All Saints followed by picnics on the green - or in our local halls if the weather is poor. June 5th is Pentecost and there will be a Book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at 8am on that day too. We also heard that a street party on Eton Drive was being planned for 4th July

We have been offered and accepted a visit by the Rt Revd Mark Tanner, the Bishop of Chester, to the 6:30pm service on 9th October. The hour will not have gone back so hopefully it will be light enough for people to venture out. It is hoped that we can have tea with the Bishop before the service, followed by Choral Evensong using traditional language. This will be an opportunity to welcome Bishop Mark to Thornton Hough, for him to get to know us and to come and see us as a congregation. Put the date in your diary!

In the March meeting the PCC was told about Living in Love and Faith. This is a national initiative by the Church of England which was launched in November 2020. They have published both written and online resources and Chester Diocese is encouraging parishes to take part, use the material produced, discuss the issues raised and feed back via a national online survey by the end of April.

The results of the survey will inform the decision making about a way forward in relation to human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Individuals can access an online course, the Diocese is running a group course online and Parishes are encouraged to run their own courses. Living in Love and Faith encompasses our love and inclusion of all (disabled people, people with learning difficulties, families with young children, LGBT+ people etc), welcoming them in our communities and our churches. It was noted that there are people in the parish who think they couldn't go into church for a variety of reasons. There can be unconscious bias against a gay couple or small lively children etc. Living in Love and Faith applies to all people and we need to start by looking at ourselves both locally and nationally.

The Financial Statement for 2021 was brought to the PCC for approval at the February meeting. It has since been scrutinised and signed off by the independent examiner. The Annual Report was presented and approved at the March meeting. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this. The Annual Report and Financial Statement will be circulated to the congregation just before the AGM in May.

It is five years since we produced our last Vision Statement. We now need to think what, with God's help, our church will look and feel like in five years time. What are our goals and how do we get there? This is something that the PCC will be considering in future meetings.

In both meetings we had reports on Finance, Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

Over the past two months the wall repair has made good progress and the PCC was pleased to hear in March that it has now been completed by a local firm and signed off by the architect. The final cost was £23,459, considerably less than some of the earlier quotes that we had. We have received £19,750 in donations which means that we need to find the remaining £3,709. The PCC expressed their thanks to Peter Arch and Derek Machin for the work that they had done in connection with the repair of the wall.

Drains and gutters have been cleaned and the Fabric and Health and Safety team is trying to get the metalwork of the handrail at the new graveyard repaired. A substantial limb of the large cedar tree which was over-hanging Church Road had severed in the high winds and this has been made safe. The tarmac driveway from Church Road also needs attention and different possibilities are being investigated.

Electrical testing for the hall and church is being carried out.

Thanks were expressed to Scirard Lancelyn Green who had sourced and fitted replacement lightbulbs in the church. The PCC were also pleased to hear that a donor had offered to have the pew outside the Parish Hall removed and repaired.

Ebbrells have offered to sand down and revarnish the front door of the church at no cost. The PCC expressed their gratitude to Ebbrells for this.

Health and Safety in church was also considered. The incidence of Covid is increasing but the legal requirements have been relaxed. Vicky emphasised that we should continue with good hand hygiene. We are unable to enforce mask wearing but many people are still wearing masks which helps to protect the more vulnerable members of our congregation.

The Deanery Synod had met at the end of February at St Mary's Eastham when Vanessa Layfield from the Diocese had spoken on 'Living in Love and Faith' with reference to human relationships and sexuality.

There was no change in the number of people on the Electoral Roll. The AGM is drawing nearer and Vicky has been encouraging people who are not on the Electoral Roll to join. If you want more information or would like a form to fill in please speak to Elly Macbeath, the Electoral Roll Officer, or to the Vicar.

Finally, in the March meeting the PCC heard about a local initiative which is just starting up to help refugees, particularly from Ukraine. The Church of England is also producing guidance. We are all touched by the plight of the refugees and as a parish we are still seeking the best way to help; anything started needs to be seen through though and we need to be reassured that anything we donate to is a registered charity. The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) is coordinating aid and is a good place to donate money. If we want to donate the money in the budget allocated to charity for this year we do not have to wait until the end of the year.

Vicky encouraged us all to think about the people living in cold, insanitary conditions. We should pray for Ukraine, for the leaders of Russia and for Mr Putin, and do all we can to bring peace and offer hospitality.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

A little humour!

Teacher	Donald - What is the Chemical formula for water?
Donald	HIJKLMNO
Teacher	What are you talking about ?
Donald	Yesterday you said it was H to O!

Living in Love and Faith

How do questions about human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

What is it?

Living in Love and Faith is a project led by the Bishops of the Church of England, help discern a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. They have brought together a large and diverse group of people to create a set of resources to help us learn and pray together as a church community. The team has also liaised with and listened to the voices of the Church of England's sister churches in the Anglican Communion, other churches in England, as well as other faith communities.

The Living in Love and Faith resources enable everyone to participate in deep theological reflection by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions.

Why should I be interested?

You can help to shape the Church's responses – there is a questionnaire which participants can complete online by the end of April. But the project is not totally bound by this deadline. You have the opportunity to develop ongoing conversations in our own parish. This project is designed to enable us to share some deep and potentially challenging conversations together. If we can learn to listen well and appreciate different experiences and approaches to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage, then we can build up the trust and respect which will help to expand All Saints' existing intention of being a place of welcome and inclusion.

What next?

You can have a look at the wide range of resources online

www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith

Talk to Rev Vicky or Churchwardens Pam and Alan. How would YOU like All Saints' to start the conversations here?

Watch this space!



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ACF

A Church Fellowship for Everybody

Our meeting on Wednesday February 9th started with a brief report covering the last two years as we were not able to meet in January. We regularly have 15 members attending meetings and Helen thanked everyone who helps out with refreshments, readings, and giving the vote of thanks after each talk. Then ACF members agreed to continue paying subs of £5 for the year to help cover the cost of speakers.

We also need new ideas for topics and meetings for our 2023 programme in order to try and encourage new members to come along.

This was followed by a very interesting talk from Dr Ian Cubbin relating to “Exploration of Central Africa” and the role played by Dr David Livingstone in the 1850s onwards. Ian asked that his speaker’s fee was donated to “Wirral Ark” and this was topped up with donations from ACF members at the meeting.

He started his talk by explaining that he had taken today’s talk from one he did on Zoom to 160 people from 104 Nations entitled “Early Mail to and from Central Africa 1858 – 1891”: I hope our small group of fifteen was easier to deal with! He has been a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London for 30 years and was asked to do this talk as a result of his interest in British Central Africa (modern day Malawi).

He centred his talk around the Exploration of Central Africa by David Livingstone who was a Scottish physician, christian missionary and explorer: in those days many missionaries also had medical backgrounds. Africa was an unknown world at that time and everybody in Europe thought they should have a chunk of it: hence explorations by Europeans including the British and Portuguese in this area.

Livingstone’s first expedition was to Bechuanaland in 1840 after he met the missionary Robert Moffat: he later married his daughter Mary. He was appalled by the slave trade and saw it as evil. After spending 20 years in Africa, he came home only to return there and form the Universities’ Mission to Central Africa; he spread the word of missionaries through booklets left in churches. On his return to Africa, he persuaded The Royal Geographical Society that this trip was “Exploration” and he was awarded funding which allowed him to take a botanist, painter and geologist and his brother as Expedition Manager. This expedition ran from 1858 to 1864. He returned to Africa in 1869 and never returned to Scotland.

Livingstone was the first European to discover the Victoria Falls which straddle Zambia and Zimbabwe along the Zambezi River – it had a native name “Mosi-oa-Tunya” which means “The Smoke That Thunders”.

Ian highlighted his talk with examples of booklets and hand written envelopes/ covers that he has collected over many years. He explained the difficulties and time taken to receive letters sent from England in the 19th Century and the torturous journey they travelled by sea and then by land depending on where the expedition was based.

Below are some examples of letters/envelopes that Ian showed us during his talk:

A black-bordered mourning letter which left Bradford on 3rd August 1858 and travelled via London, Plymouth, Cape Town and finally arrived at its destination on 4th October 1858.

Another example showed the use of “Forwarding Agents” to get mail that had arrived at Cape Town moved inland. From the town of Beaufort West (Western Cape in South Africa) native runners then took mail to Malepolole (1000miles) and then via the Zambezi River for another 2250 miles. This example left London on 4th February 1859 and arrived at its destination in December that year.

The earliest round-trip letter was from George Thornton sent to his brother Richard. However, Richard (geologist) contracted malaria and died. The letter was received posthumously and re-addressed by Dr Livingstone: he crossed out the name Richard and inserted the name George. You can see the various postmarks on the back of the envelope and this letter was in transit for nearly 12 months.

A Navy Bill of Exchange is a bit like a cheque and paid for his expedition in 1864 along the Zambezi.

He claimed the sum of £120 9s 4d for current expenses on the Zambezi.

The Final Expedition – a letter from Sir John Kirk in 1870.

This was a very interesting envelope as it had a Bombay stamp and postmark but a Zanzibar Consulate stamp on the back and was addressed to James Young Esq. at Limefield House. After much research Ian found that this envelope had connections with David Livingstone as he and James Young were friends. Also, James Kirk had been in Zanzibar around that time and had used old stationery hence the stamp on the back!

On Wednesday 9th March we welcomed Cora Shafto to come and talk to the group about Claire House. We were only a small group of ten but there were lots of question for Cora to answer and thanks to the generosity of ACF members our donations were able to pay for a counselling session for a bereaved sibling and an hour of one-to-one nursing care for one of the children. Claire House Hospice opened in December 1998 and originally looked after ten families: it now looks after 443 families. It provides care to sick children from Southport to Liverpool, Wirral to Chester and North Wales.

It was named after Claire Cain who was diagnosed with a tumour when she was seven years old and died just before her 10th birthday. When Claire died in hospital with her mum and dad by her bedside there was no end-of-life provision and this led to the formation of the hospice after ten years of fundraising.

The hospice helps seriously and terminally ill children from the age of 20 weeks gestation up to the age of 25. They provide specialist nursing care and emotional support for families. It allows children to relax and enjoy themselves by offering a multisensory room, art room, hydrotherapy pool and jacuzzi. Teenagers and young adults are catered for in a separate wing which has a bar, sound system and Xbox. It provides planned respite for a few weekends each year for every family giving parents and siblings valuable respite. Emergency respite is also provided if a family member is poorly and unable to care for their sick child or if the child themselves becomes very poorly. Finally, they offer "End of Life" care in the "Butterfly Suite" or at home.

Cora gave us an example of a little boy called Ewan who first came to the hospice aged five: he was a lovely little boy who touched everybody's hearts. As Ewan and his family lived in North Wales and he needed twice daily chemotherapy for five days at a time, he and his mum moved into the hospice during his treatment. After he died his grandparents continued to support the hospice, and they still volunteer in the garden once a week.

The Claire House Liverpool Hub opened up in the summer of 2017 in a building that was a Carmelite Monastery. It is situated in West Derby and is therefore very close to Alder Hey and Liverpool Women's Hospital. A very generous legacy helped them to purchase the building. The hub offers day care services such as counselling, holistic therapies and hospice to home support. It is hoped that in the future a state-of-the-art hospice can be opened up on this site so more children can be cared for.

Helen Tankard

Forthcoming ACF events

Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 13th April 2022

Revd. Vicky Barrett talking about an Easter Topic

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Steph Owens talking about North West Air Ambulance

Coffee Mornings at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Wednesday 25th May 2022

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Helen Tankard



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The Church Boundary Wall

In February 2021, 12 months ago, part of the boundary wall of All Saints' collapsed suddenly onto Church Road. Safety barriers were put in place and the road was cleared to allow traffic to move safely up and down Church Road. Every effort was made to convince our Insurers that it was covered by our policy but they would not agree. The Diocese informed the PCC that the responsibility to repair the wall lay with the PCC which



meant that they were burdened with a cost which had not been budgeted. A Faculty was required to give permission for the wall to be repaired. After obtaining the required three estimates, the reconstruction was carried out by Ebbrell Construction Ltd. under the supervision of the church architect (as required by the Diocese of Chester). The work began in February this year and completed very quickly. The stump of the holm oak which had been felled some time previously was ground out and grassed over.



The total cost of the work, including the architect's fee and VAT was £23,459. We were very fortunate to receive a most generous grant of £16,000 towards the cost of the work from The Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust; we also received a substantial gift of £3,750 from the daughter of Bill Gault, a parishioner, given in his memory. We are extremely grateful for these donations. The balance of the cost of the work, £3,709, is to be met from Church funds.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we remember when Christ entered Jerusalem as the Messiah: the people spread palms before him and shouted "Hosanna!" as he entered the city. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week when we remember the events leading up to Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and his glorious resurrection from the dead.

10:30am Holy Communion

Thursday April 14th Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

7:00pm Holy Communion

Friday April 15th Good Friday

On Good Friday we commemorate Jesus' death on the cross, his dying for the sins of all. It is a very solemn day but we know that by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God delivered and saved the world.

10:30am Meditation

Sunday April 16th Easter Day

We celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead and his victory over death and sin. We rejoice that by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Alleluia!

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10:30am Holy Communion for Easter Day

Thoughts for April

Now that the clocks have changed why not also change your life by helping others fulfil theirs? It is a time for welcoming the April showers so that the clear skies to come in the summer will herald the beauty and true colours of the birds, flowers and the world around us.



Easter Quiz

1. How did Judas indicate Jesus to the Roman soldiers?
2. Which Jewish feast was being celebrated in the week of the crucifixion?
3. According to John's gospel, which disciple cut off the high priest's servant's ear in an attempt to prevent Jesus' arrest?
4. What position, previously held by Annas, did Caiaphas occupy during the Easter story?
5. According to Mark's gospel, what crime had the two men crucified with Jesus committed?
6. According to John's gospel, for what did the soldiers cast lots?
7. After Jesus died, for how long did darkness descend?
8. The resurrected Jesus appeared to Cleopas and an unnamed disciple on the road to where?
9. How many days did Jesus remain on Earth after the Resurrection?

Which of the following questions are true and which are false

10. In New Zealand, Easter is always celebrated on the first Sunday in April.
11. In the Pacific Coast Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Yukon, Easter is called Wester.
12. The earliest Easter can fall is March 22nd.
13. The word "Easter" appears three times in the Old Testament.
14. The first documented mention of the Easter Bunny dates from 1632.
15. The practice of decorating eggs dates back 60,000 years.
16. Easter Island is part of Chile.
17. The latest Easter Sunday can fall is April 25th.

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Today we have naming of parts. Yesterday
 We had daily cleaning. And tomorrow morning
 We shall have what to do after firing. But today,
 Today we have naming of parts. Japonica
 Glistens like coral in all the neighbouring
 gardens,

And today we have naming of parts.



Pieris japonica

This is the lower sling swivel. And this
 Is the upper sling swivel, whose use you will see
 When you are given your slings. And this is the piling swivel,
 Which in your case you have not got. The branches
 Hold in the gardens their silent, eloquent gestures,
 Which in our case we have not got.



Piling swivel

This is the safety-catch, which is always released
 With an easy flick of the thumb. And please do not let me
 See anyone using his finger. You can do it quite easy
 If you have any strength in your thumb. The blossoms
 Are fragile and motionless, never letting anyone see
 Any of them using their finger.

And this you can see is the bolt. The purpose of this
 Is to open the breech, as you see. We can slide it
 Rapidly backwards and forwards: we call this
 Easing the spring. And rapidly backwards and
 forwards

The early bees are assaulting and fumbling the
 flowers;

They call it easing the Spring.



Almond blossom

They call it easing the Spring: it is perfectly easy
 If you have any strength in your thumb: like the bolt,
 And the breech, and the cocking-piece, and the point of balance,
 Which in our case we have not got; and the almond-blossom
 Silent in all of the gardens and the bees going backwards and forwards,
 For today we have naming of parts.

Henry Reed (1914 - 1986) was called up in 1941. A sensitive and intelligent languages graduate, he was soon moved to Bletchley Park and translation duties, but first he attended basic training sessions on military subjects such as: Judging Distances, Movement of Bodies and Unarmed Combat. He turned these into six witty dramatic monologues, which were printed in various journals and eventually published as *Lessons of the War*. He read them on the Third Programme in 1966. This is the first he wrote, the shortest and the best, and now the only one he is remembered for.



A prolific journalist, poet, actor, playwright, translator and broadcaster, friend of Louis MacNeice and W. H. Auden, he sadly died disappointed and alcoholic, despite the 1967 law decriminalising homosexuality.

The humorous jumbling of the instructions for killing someone with the beauties and delights of a spring day in a garden belies the seriousness of the situation. The slings for carrying the rifles have not arrived, the means to stack them neatly have not even been fitted.

Although there is no particular metre, this is still a poem in that it has five stanzas, each stanza pattern having three and a half lines of droned banal instruction in the officer's voice, followed by two and a half of contrasting evocative nature observation in the young soldier's mind. The incongruity is all too relevant to adolescent youth, with hormones in turmoil.

Rhyming is a type of repetition with variation: some sounds repeated, some varied. There are no rhymes, but again the use of phrases repeated to vary their meaning gives it poetic energy to bring out the bitter futility of war.

Caroline Lancelyn Green



M1 Garand service rifle

Militaria-Deal



Piling swivel in use

News from the Parish

Post Office Van Update

The Post Office desk can now be found inside the Village Hall instead of in the Van in the car Park. The times are as follows:-

Tuesdays 10am—11.30am and Fridays 1.30pm—3.00pm

Reminder - St George's Day 23rd April 2022

Wirral Motor Bike Egg Run

Sunday 3rd April 2022 passing through Thornton Hough
at approx. 11.30am—1.00pm

Advance Notice

Queen's Jubilee Party

Starting with a Special Thanksgiving Service in
All Saints' Church at 10.30am

Followed by Festivities on the Village Green

On Sunday June 5th 2022

Full details to follow via Church Pew sheets and Posters in the Village

Wirral Classic Car Rally

Ending on the Village Green

On Sunday 17th July 2022

at 2.00pm for public viewing

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Thornton Manor

The Manor, a three storey Grade 2 listed building, home to the first Lord Leverhulme from the 1880s, suffered a devastating blow in February when a fire caused widespread damage to the building.



Eight fire engines were at the scene at the height of the blaze. Manor Road had to be closed for a few days and the firemen stayed for a long time to ensure that the fire didn't restart. Although the building was full of wedding guests and staff at the time, all were evacuated safely and nobody was hurt.

The Manor, now the home of Philip and Dianne, is a popular wedding venue. Restoration of the house to its former glory will take a long time and great skill as well as being extremely expensive. Our thoughts and prayers are with Philip and Dianne at this time as they battle to restore their house to its former glory.

Tree planting on the Village Green

On Tuesday 22nd March this year we witnessed 105 trees being planted at the bottom of the Village Green as part of Queen Elizabeth II celebrating her 70th Anniversary on the throne.

The trees were planted by pupils of Thornton Hough Primary School under the supervision of the school staff and Wirral Borough Council Employees. Also in attendance were members of the Community Trust including the Chairman Mr Geoff Dale and the Secretary Mrs Karen Young.



Thoughts for May

Bring to the fore your kindness to others so that they may blossom like May flowers. Make time to enjoy good times, spread the sunshine of your happy thoughts and have the courage of your convictions drawing on kindness, happiness and joy in the world around us.

This is an appeal to all our Magazine Readers

We would like to make the Magazine even more interesting by including stories, photos , comments etc. about your life or what happened to you. Many of you will have lived a full and interesting life which few people know about. You may not think it was that interesting but reading about it in the magazine certainly makes the readers aware what a diverse lives we all have lived. Many of us will have travelled widely, met famous people or been present at notable events. ***Please tell us your stories.***

When I was a student at College I earned some money as a “clippy” on the Crosville buses - (more money than when I started teaching!). Sometimes we travelled long distances from our base in Pwllheli - to Barmouth, Blaenau Ffestiniog and Caernarvon which could take 2 –3 hours each way but the most interesting routes were always to the outlying villages of the Llyn Peninsula. I remember one occasion when I had to accept a special delivery to a farm a couple of miles further on. It wasn't wrapped up—it was a sheep! A farmer wanted to take it to another farm!

A sheep as a passenger was not covered in the guide book on charges so I let it have a free ride but I did charge for the farmer!

BM

House Jacking!

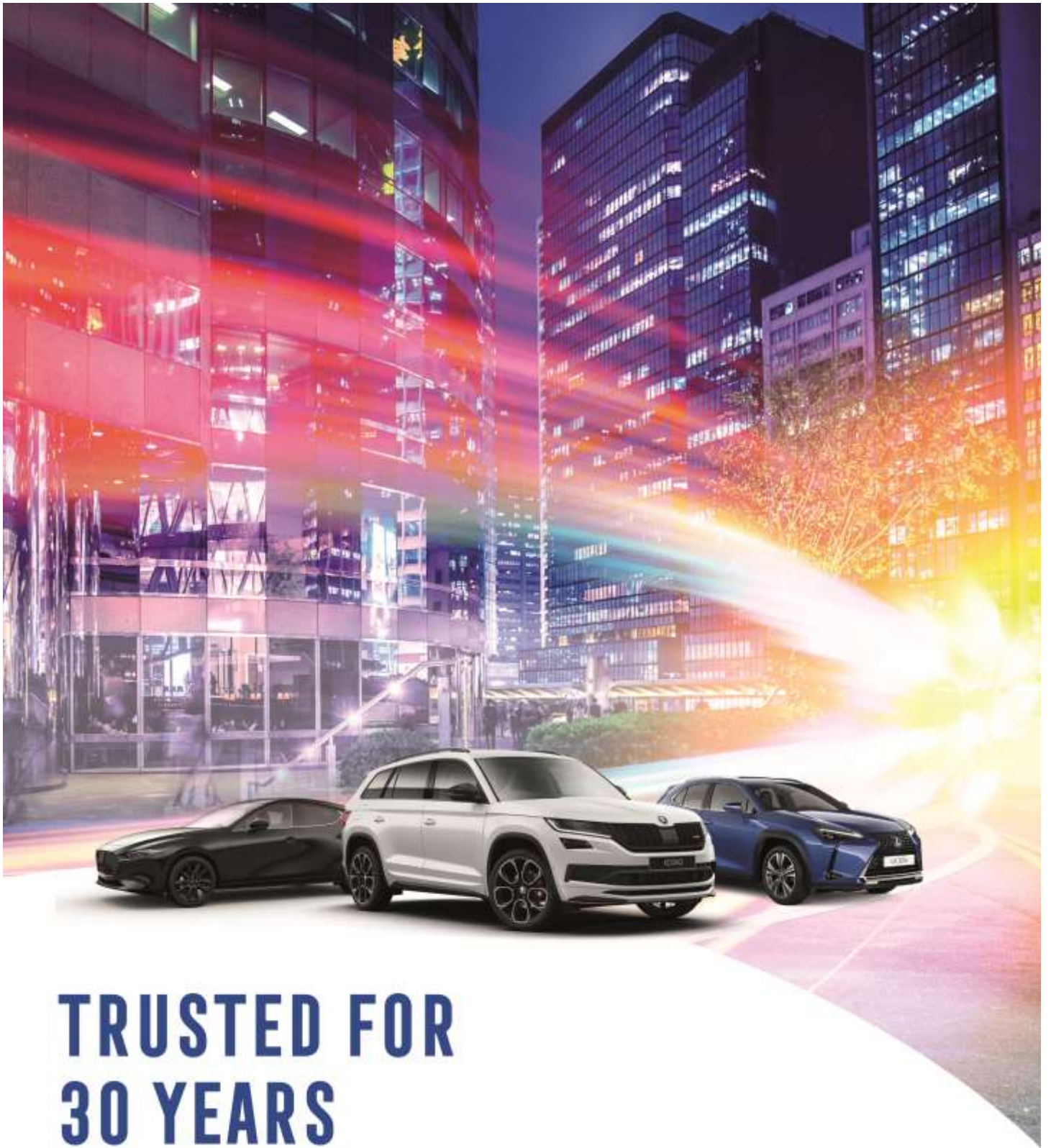
There are many stories about different ways fraudsters are trying to get at your money but recently I was told of somebody having their house sold without them knowing anything about it! The house owners had gone on holiday and came back to find the locks changed and somebody arrived to measure for a new kitchen!

Apparently this has become quite a problem and the advice is that you should sign up for free property alerts with the Land Registry which sends an email if an activity occurs on your property. It is very easy to do—just go on the land Registry website and follow the guidance:-

<https:propertyalert.landregistry.gov.uk>

More humour!

Teacher	Maria go to the map and find North America
Maria	Here it is!
Teacher	Now class who discovered North America?
Class	Maria!



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It was with great sadness that Thornton Hough WI said goodbye to Anne McTigue at a lovely service at All Saints where the church was full. Anne had many friends: she will be greatly missed and always remembered. Refreshments after the funeral service were held at the WI Hall. Thanks go to Betty Hodges and Simone Levell for coordinating everything and also to all our ladies who supplied cake and all those who helped on the day.

The next meeting of THWI is on Tuesday 5th April at 7.00pm when the always entertaining Gavin Hunter will give a talk of his choosing. Please note the earlier starting time of 7pm. All welcome. It is good to report that our Craft and Social afternoons have resumed. The **Craft group** meets on the **second Tuesday of the month, 2 – 4pm**, so our next meeting will be on **12th April**. The Social session is for those who have missed the previous evening meeting or who wish to get together for a cup of tea and a chat and meets on the **third Tuesday of the month, 2.30 – 4pm**, and will meet again on **19th April**. We have two new initiatives under way: a **Book Club** (more of this next time) and a **Strolling** group. Val Peter is organising a 'Strolling group' on the first Thursday of each month. The plan is to meet in the Village Hall car park at 11 am and head off for a short walk. Our first outing, planned for Hoylake to coincide with the high tide, actually ended up at the Lady Lever Art Gallery as the rain was continuous! Another outing this month, organised by Val Tomlinson, is a **coach trip to Skipton on Wednesday, 6th April**.

Janet Gaywood

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Anne McTigue – A Tribute



Anne was nicknamed “Spider” at school, which is ironic as spiders were the one thing she was afraid of, but as a thin, gangly child with the surname of Webb it was bound to happen. But the nickname also points to other aspects of her nature which characterised her life: spiders spin strong and resilient webs, each one a beautiful network. Her life was one of great strength, energy and resilience, underpinned by a deep Christian faith. She was a life-enhancing, life-giving person.

Her life began in 1937, born over a grocer’s shop and brought up in Broad Green, the eldest daughter of Lucy Lee and Gerard Webb. She was the beloved big sister to Helen and Lucy, and was very close to her cousins, particularly Madeline and Marie. Helen remembers her as being very motherly as she would wait in the cloakroom at school until her big sister came to help her put on her shoes and coat. She met our Dad, Bernard, at Christ the King and even though a little later he scarpered on the nearest bus when he saw her wearing her school blazer (she thought she looked very smart, but she was only 17 and he was horrified as he was 27) they met up again getting off another bus to work and they were married when she was 22. They moved in as newlyweds to the newly-built bungalow on Oxford Drive in Thornton Hough which would be their “forever home”; beginning that pioneering spirit turning a field into a garden, her pride and joy and somewhere you could always find her. There were 3 of us children: Janet, Peter and Helen, plus numerous cats and two dogs – despite mum not being a particular animal lover.

Mum was a librarian by profession, working for Boots before starting her family, and then a Teaching Assistant at Town Lane School and Librarian at Carlett Park and Borough Road Technical College. She always laughed about the student who asked her, “Who wrote Dante’s *Inferno*?”

To Mum, family was everything. She adored all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Roxanne describes her as a proper Grandma, and if she forgot your name she didn’t worry, she just you called Jemima Puddle-duck instead. She baked and she loved to knit and at the mere whiff of a baby, out would come the knitting needles and patterns – she did her best to keep up with the children growing and they’ve all dutifully put on a jumper two sizes too small – but they loved them, and they will be treasured. She was a “stand-in” grandma and mother to so many others, such as Beth and Ellie. Indeed, my husband Peter says that he had known Anne longer than he had known his own mother, and that she has been a mother to him, too.

She cared for her parents when they were elderly, organising a home for them in New Brighton. She looked after Dad when he was very ill over a long period, and also our brother, Peter; she helped Janet and I with our children and in whatever circumstance, her strength and resilience shone through: she simply got on with things and taught us to do the same.

Mum's care for others reached beyond her own family to helping others. She was always very good at taking people under her wing, looking out for the most vulnerable. In the 1970's, she befriended a Sudanese couple, Houdah and Salah, who came to live in the village. She went out alone to the Sudan to stay with them when they returned home, gaining her the nickname "Anne of the Sudan" - as well as many souvenirs from her travels, unfortunately including hepatitis. Their friendship continued into the next generation, as she sponsored their son Ibrahim and his wife, Ishraga, and Janet was good friends with Ibrahim their son.

In her own quiet way, Mum was Mrs Thornton Hough. The phone was always ringing and people would be calling round for different things. Dad was often driven to distraction by all this activity. Yet the more you stop to think, the more you realise the activities she helped to establish and got involved with. Where do I start? She helped establish what is now the Village Trust, always taking pride in the place where she lived and campaigning strongly until very recently on matters such as the proposed Care Village in Thornton Hough. She was a driving force for the Scarecrow Festival. She helped set up a playgroup in the old Village Hall. She was a Guide Captain, seeing girls through to achieve their Queen's Guide award. She took the guides camping every year – she hated camping but she wanted them to get the opportunity to participate. When Janet, newly returned from the USA, had no activities available for her son Oliver, she took a leaf out of mum's book and set up a Beavers group.

The Women's Institute was especially dear to her heart. She loved the camaraderie of women, and the fun of coffee mornings, beetle drives and outings. She was President on several occasions and her phone was still full of enquiries about WI Hall bookings even when she was in hospital.

She was a staunchly faithful member of St Luke's church. She was very active in the St Vincent de Paul society, visited patients on the oncology ward at Clatterbridge as part of the Chaplaincy Team, and loved visiting elderly people – even though as she pointed out some of them were younger than her! Catholic with both large and small c's, she was an enthusiastic part of the Churches Together group, and latterly would come to All Saints' church on a Monday morning to join in the quiet service of Morning Prayer. Mum was a prolific letter-writer. She wrote many thank-you notes and greeting cards, and was a committed pen-pal to people in Kerala and Romania on behalf of SVP. Her table was always covered in writing paper, cards and stamps.

She was very physically active, too. Sporty when she was young, she proved to be very good at Tai Chi in later years and liked to give little demonstrations to the family. She loved her Rambling groups and was sad that her knee stopped this activity. We've all been on brisk walks with her; walks in Parkgate for a Nichols ice-cream are legendary, and Oliver says that he feels close to his grandma when he goes walking outside.

Mum loved to travel. Family holidays to Wales, Cyprus with Joyce and Jim, a cruise on the Caledonian Canal with Lucy and Dave where they celebrated Burns night with the Bagpiper, but forgot the haggis, a Caribbean cruise with Madeline, Paris with Lucy. She went to America on several occasions, going to see Janet and on a line-dancing trip to Nashville, including a visit to Graceland. She went on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul, taking in places such as Ephesus and Corinth; she loved her holidays on Guernsey with her sister Lucy and longed to go back. If she could have done it, she'd have gone to Australia!

And yes, she knew how to relax - a glass of wine, or maybe prosecco, a good book and an interesting tv programme. Mum's life was so rich and varied, so many memories. In Mum's full and varied life, there is so much for which to give thanks. We see her huge heart for everyone, and how her Christian faith undergirded that whole-hearted living.

Back in the '70s mum took us to see the pantomime, Cinderella, and in one scene Barbara Windsor's character turned to Buttons and said, "Nighty Nighty" to which he replied "Pyjama Pyjama" and over the years this became our family catchphrase and Mum would send a text last thing at night to us or say it over the phone.

So Mum, on behalf of all your Jemima Puddle-ducks, with a heavy, but very thankful heart I'd like to say: Nighty nighty, pyjama pyjama.

Jane Ashcroft
Née McTigue

Church Flowers

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Sunday services and special occasions. Could you help occasionally? You don't have to be gifted at flower arranging just be a willing helper. Donations towards the cost of the flowers would also be gratefully received.



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Gardening Tips for April and May

Now that Spring has arrived with hopefully better weather there is plenty to do outside to keep you busy from morning to night. The longer and warmer days of April and May will encourage you to spend more time in the garden which will be beneficial for the garden and your health!



Have you prepared your seed beds and the vegetable plots? Have you sown grass seeds to thicken up your lawns? Have you fed your lawn with Spring Feed?

Below is a list of things you could do in the next two months to prepare your garden for the summer months.

Sow hardy annuals, such as love-in-a-mist and pot marigolds into any gaps in the borders. Sow sunflowers in open sunny spots (making sure you protect them and other vulnerable plants from slugs and snails) and Sweet-peas with supports. You can enjoy instant colour by planting primulas and polyanthus in pots and place them at the front of borders. Plant other bulbs such as the pineapple lily in pots ready for the Summer.

After the last frost of the year, plant out your summer bedding and tender plants including dahlia tubers.

Prepare your hanging baskets but keep them in the greenhouse for a few weeks for them to establish themselves.

Continue deadheading spring bulbs and bedding and then remove the faded plants such as wallflowers and add to your compost bin. Encourage a good display of tulips and daffodils next year by giving them plenty of liquid feed such as Tomato feed.

Spray the new leaves of roses with fungicide to control mildew, rust and blackspot. Check all other plants for signs of larvae and pests.

Take basal cuttings from clumps of perennials, such as delphiniums, campanulas and lupins. Reinvigorate mature clumps of hardy perennials, such as hostas, asters and daylilies, by dividing and replanting.

Prune hydrangeas, cutting back the old stems to a healthy shoot lower down and prune all your spring shrubs such as forsythia after they have flowered.

Garden ponds would benefit from new aquatic plants such as waterlilies.

Good Gardening!

An enthusiastic gardener

Raspberry Bombe

Ingredients

8ozs raspberries
½ pint double cream
5ozs single cream
4ozs meringues
2 to 3 tablespoons of icing sugar (according to taste)



Method

Sieve raspberries and icing sugar together to make a puree
Whip creams together
Crumble meringues and stir in to the cream
Fold in ½ raspberry puree into the cream mixture and put into 1pint Pyrex type bowl and freeze
Remove from freezer 1hour before use. Upturn onto serving plate
When ready to serve pour the remainder of the puree over the top
(You can save a few raspberries for decoration should you wish)

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

Ingredients

1lb minced pork,	1 clove garlic,	1 ½ oz flour
Salt, pepper,	1egg yolk,	Butter and oil for frying
2 oz fresh white bread-crumbs,		

Sauce Ingredients

3oz sugar	4tbs garlic vinegar	3tbs soy sauce
1½ level tbs cornflour	½ pint water	1 green pepper
½lb tomatoes	11oz can crushed pineapple	

Blend together the meat, garlic, ½oz flour, breadcrumbs, salt, pepper and egg yolk. Form the mixture into small balls, roll them in the remaining flour and fry them in the hot oil and butter for 20 minutes, turning them frequently.

Meanwhile, place the sugar, vinegar and soy sauce in a pan. Blend the cornflour with a little of the water and add this to the ingredients in the pan together with the remaining water. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Allow to simmer gently for 5 minutes, then add the green pepper, previously cut into strips and plunged into boiling water for 2-3 minutes. Add the skinned and chopped tomatoes and pineapple. Simmer gently for 5 minutes, then pour this sauce over the meatballs before serving.

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for February/March

BURIALS

	Died	Age	Burial/Ash
Anne Harvey McTIGUE	5/02/2022	84	19/03/2022

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

BAPTISMS

Ryan Paul BUTTERWORTH	(born 6/09/92)	on 6/03/2022
Ella May BELL BUTTERWORTH	(born 5/03/20)	on 6/03/2022
Albie George BUTTERWORTH	(born 5/12/21)	on 6/03/2022

WEDDINGS

18/03/2022 John Alexander WINDRUM and Megan WILLIAMS

Quiz Answers

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|--------------------|----|-------------|----|-------|
| 1. He kissed him | 7 | Three hours | 13 | False |
| 2. Passover | 8 | Emmaus | 14 | True |
| 3. Peter | 9 | 40 | 15 | True |
| 4. High Priest | 10 | False | 16 | True |
| 5. Robbery | 11 | False | 17 | True |
| 6. Jesus' clothing | 12 | True | | |



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Sunday Bible Readings

April—May 2022

March

27 **Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Exodus 2:1-10 John 19:25-27

April

3 **Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8

10 **Palm Sunday**
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40

17 **Easter Day**
Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12

24 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

May

1 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

8 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 9: 36-43 John 10:22-30

15 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35

22 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29

29 **Sunday after the Ascension**
Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-26

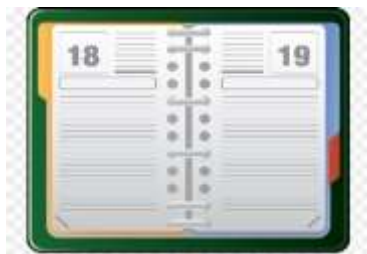
June

5 **Pentecost**
Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17

Annual Meetings

This year the Annual Church Meetings will be held on Sunday 15th May 2022 starting at 11:45am.

All those who come to All Saints' are strong encouraged to attend these meetings. It is expected that the meetings will be completed within one hour.



Parish Diary

April—May 2022

Please note that all dates are subject to change at short notice.

March

- 27 Sunday Mothering Sunday / Lent 4**
10:30am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Mothering Sunday: Quiet Space
- 29 Tuesday
7:00pm Lent Meditation: Reflection through music
- 30 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion

April

- 1 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 3 Sunday Passion Sunday / Lent 5**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
3 10:30am Readings and music for Passiontide
- 5 Tuesday
7:30pm PCC Meeting
- 6 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion
- 8 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 10 Sunday Palm Sunday**
10:30am Holy Communion
- 13 Wednesday
2:15pm ACF: Easter Topic (Rev. Vicky Barrett)
- 14 Thursday Maundy Thursday**
7:00pm Holy Communion
- 15 Friday Good Friday**
10:30am Good Friday Meditation
7:00pm Short choir practice
- 17 Sunday Easter Day**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (including Baptism)
- 18 Monday
Bank Holiday
- 24 Sunday Easter 2**
10:30am Holy Communion
- 27 Wednesday
10:30am Coffee Morning
- 29 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice

May

1	Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	Easter 3 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
2	Monday	Bank Holiday
4	Wednesday 10:30am	Holy Communion
6	Friday 7:00pm	Choir Practice
8	Sunday 10:30am 6:30pm	Easter 4 Morning Prayer Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
11	Wednesday 10:30am 2:15pm	Holy Communion ACF: North West Air Ambulance (Steph Owens)
13	Friday 7:00pm	Choir Practice
15	Sunday 8:00am 10:30am 11:45am 12:30pm	Easter 5 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion (Shortened) Annual Church Meetings Short PCC Meeting (to be confirmed)
18	Wednesday 10:30am	Holy Communion
20	Friday 7:00pm	Choir Practice
21	Saturday	Christian Aid Week begins
22	Sunday 10:30am	Easter 6 Holy Communion
24	Tuesday 7:30pm	PCC Meeting
25	Wednesday 10:30am	Coffee Morning
26	Thursday 7:00pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
27	Friday 7:00pm	Choir Practice
29	Sunday 10:30am	Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension Holy Communion

June

1	Wednesday 10:30am	Holy Communion
2	Thursday	Bank Holiday
3	Friday	Bank Holiday
5	Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	Pentecost Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer). Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II Village Jubilee Event

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Why not join Vicky for a Morning Prayer service in church on

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